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Dear Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee:

I wholeheartedly support LD1293, an Act to prohibit coyote-killing contests in Maine. For far too long, this much-misunderstood animal has been maligned and hunted mercilessly 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with no protection whatsoever from ruthless hunters who shoot the adults and their offspring, trap them in leghold traps and neck snares, and sell their hides overseas. These animals are an important part of the ecosystem. These inhumane coyote-killing contests promote and foster cruelty to animals and make a sport out of the abuse of these animals. There is a movement to classify coyote-wolf hybrids as coywolves in this state and elsewhere throughout the country, which would afford these exploited animals the much-needed protection of the Endangered Species Act. Thank you.

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